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GROUP ART UNIT 2174**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application. No:	09/745,297
Filed:	December 20, 2000
Inventor(s):	Ram Kudukoli, Robert E. Dye, Paul F. Austin, Lothar Wenzel, and Jeffrey L. Kodosky
Title:	System and Method for Programmatically Modifying a Graphical Program in Response to Program Information

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Examiner:	Sax, Steven Paul
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION
AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of April 7, 2004, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance. A Request for Continued Examination is included herewith.

Summary of Telephone Interview

Applicant conducted a Telephone Interview with Examiner Sax on Wednesday, June 23, 2004, in which the meaning of the term "graphical program" with respect to Applicant's invention was discussed at length. Applicant suggested emphasizing the

diagrammatic and executable nature of the graphical program in the independent claim. The Examiner agreed that this would help move the case along.

Please amend the case as listed below.